

House Resolution No. 4554

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Lieutenant Colonel William Jokerst (Retired), of Farmington, Missouri, for his twenty-eight years of loyal and dedicated service to the United States Army Reserve; and

Whereas, Lt. Col. Jokerst was commissioned in the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant after graduating from the University of Missouri, in January 1963, after which he completed Field Artillery Officers Basic in May of the same year; and

Whereas, Lt. Col. Jokerst was initially assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Field Artillery, 4th Armored Division, Zirndorf, Germany; and

Whereas, Lt. Col. Jokerst served as a Forward Observer, Liaison Officer, and Battalion Ammunition Officer before rotating back the U.S. in February 1965; and

Whereas, after three years in the U.S. Army Reserves Control Group, Lt. Col. Jokerst joined the active reserve, volunteering for assignment to the 2nd Battalion, 335th, 85th Division (Training) in St. Louis, Missouri, where he served Brigade S2/S3; and

Whereas, in December 1978, Lt. Col. Jokerst was reassigned to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 85th Division (Training) as Battalion Commander, in Washington, Missouri, and in May 1982, he was assigned to the 5038th U.S.A.R. School, 102nd Army Reserve Command, St. Louis, and again served in a variety of positions including Command and General Staff Instructor, School Operations Officer, and School Director of Officer Courses; and

Whereas, in February 1988, Lt. Col. Jokerst was reassigned to the U.S.A.R. Control Group, and he officially retired on January 24, 1991; and

Whereas, Lt. Col. Jokerst is the beloved husband of Geneva Jokerst and the devoted father of four children, Todd Jokerst, who is now deceased, Scott Jokerst, Cathy Jokerst Schrager, and Liz Jokerst Biedenstein:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest gratitude to Lt. Col. Jokerst, of Farmington, Missouri, for the twenty-three years he so selflessly gave to the United States Army Reserve; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Lt. Col. Jokerst, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by _____
Representative Steven Tilley
District No. 106

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4554, adopted August 23, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker